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TAGS: OTRA OGEN (SCOTES, THOMAS, J.)

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF US INTERESTS SECTION CHIEF TO DAMASCUS

BEIRUT FOR SCOTES

REF: STATE 252376

1. USINT DAMASCUS CHIEF SCOTES CONSULTED WITH APPROPRIATE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS DURING JANUARY 2 STOPOVER IN ROME. SCOTES EXPLAINED BACKGROUND OF TIMING OF HIS ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SHORT NOTICE TO ITALIANS WOULD NOT RPT NOT CAUSE UNDUE INCONVENIENCE. SCOTES CONVEYED DEPARTMENT'S DEEP APPRECIATION FOR EFFECTIVE ITALIAN ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF US INTERESTS IN SYRIA SINCE 1967 BREAK IN RELATIONS. HE SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO CLOSE COOPERATION WITH AMBASSADOR BUCCI AND CARDILLI.

2. ITALIANS INDICATED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CIUCUMSTANCES OF RAPID ESTABLISHMENT OF US PRESENCE UNDER ITALIAN FLAG IN DAMASCUS. THEY ASSURED SCOTES THAT HE AND HIS STAFF WOULD RECEIVE FULLEST COOPERATION FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY DAMASCUS.

3. ITALIANS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR BUCCI THIS MORNING TO INFORM HIM OF ARRIVAL OF SCOTES AND
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